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¶1. (SBU) Per Reftel post delivered diplomatic notes for U.S. Election to the ITU Council and Mrs. Zoller's candidacy for the ITU Radio Regulations Board on 11 October to the Department of Communications (DOC) and the Department of Foreign Affairs. DOC Administrative Officer Thabane Sieeko responded 18 October stating that the South African Government's position on the election and candidacy will be revealed during the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference, not beforehand. He stated that DOC Minister Dr. Ivy Matsepe-Casaburri will head the South African delegation but that the minister will only be attending the first few days of the conference. In the minister's absence, DOC Deputy Minister Radhakrishna (Roy) L. Padayachie or Director General Ms. Lyndall Shope-Mafole will head the delegation. Mr. Sieeko added that representatives from ICASA (Independent Communications Authority of South Africa), Telkom, Sentech, Vodacom, MultiChoice, and the Department of Foreign Affairs will join the delegation, but he did not provide names.
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